IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA EASTERN DIVISION

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ANSWER TO COUNTERCLAIM

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Allstate Insurance Company in response to Defendant's Counterclaim to state the following:

- 1. To the best of Allstate's information and belief, Paragraph 1 is admitted.
- 2. To the best of Allstate's information and belief, Paragraph 2 is admitted.
- 3. To the best of Allstate's information and belief, Paragraph 3 is admitted.
- 4. To the best of Allstate's information and belief, Paragraph 4 is admitted.

COUNT ONE BREACH OF CONTRACT

5. To the best of Allstate's information and belief, Paragraph 5 of Count 1 is admitted.

- 6. Paragraph 6 of Count 1 is denied and strict proof demanded. While Allstate admits that automobile insurance policies were issued to the defendant, however, the description, ownership and value of a majority of the vehicles destroyed by the fire and made the subject of the claims to Allstate and this complaint for declaratory judgment are in question or dispute.
- 7. Allstate is without information to either admit or deny Paragraph 7 of Count 1, therefore, it is denied.
- 8. Neither ownership, value or proper identification of a majority of the vehicles made a part of the claims submitted to Allstate can be verified or confirmed; therefore, all of the allegations of paragraph 8 of Count 1 are denied.
- 9. Paragraph 9 of Count 1 is emphatically denied and strict proof demanded.
- 10. Paragraph 10 of Count 1 is denied and strict proof demanded.
- 11. Neither Lloyd's nor Allstate refused to pay defendant's claims; rather, this Complaint for Declaratory Judgment was initiated to resolve the outstanding coverage questions under investigation; therefore, Paragraph 11 of Count 1 is denied.
- 12. Paragraph 12 of Count 1 is unintelligible, however, to the extent that it is thought to make any allegation against Allstate, it is denied.
- 13. Paragraph 13 is emphatically denied and strict proof demanded.
- 14. Paragraph 14 of Count 1 is emphatically denied and strict proof demanded.
- 15. Allstate's affirmative and other defenses are set out in detail in the complaint.

- 16. Allstate adopts and incorporates by reference each and every defense, either affirmative or otherwise as outlined in the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment as if fully set out herein.
- 18. Allstate denies breaching any contract with the defendant.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 11 day of September, 2006, a copy of Allstate's Answer to Counterclaim has been served on all parties in this matter by placing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed, to the following counsel of record:

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